

# KALA REPORTS

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May/June 2018

KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF LEGAL ASSISTANTS \* PARALEGALS

## YEAR IN REVIEW

by Christi Ramsey, ACP, KALA President

This has been a year of reflection for me. This year kicked off a year of trying to make changes and finalize several projects that were started while I have been on the Board. I feel that most of them have been accomplished.

We have had a busy year as a Board with a lot of the work being done behind the scenes. I want to take the time to thank each and every member of the Board for all of their hard work and dedication. It was very much appreciated.

I never realized just how much work went into putting together a monthly meeting until I served on the Board. It is a lot more than one would think about until you realize that every month someone has to do the following: find an available *free* speaker; follow up with the speaker for presentation materials; qualify the speaker for CLE with NALA (and

sometimes receive a surprise when the topic changes at the last minute disqualifying the topic for CLE); order and confirm food choices for the meeting; prepare the notice of meeting to the membership; obtain anything that the catering food company is unable to provide (i.e. tea, utensils, desserts, etc.); receive and respond to RSVPs; prepare the RSVP list; prepare the Treasurer report, prior meeting minutes, CLE form and agenda for the meeting; set up for the meeting (food, name tags, decorations, presentation requirements, etc.); take notes at the meeting; take and record payments for the lunch and make the deposit; and clean up from the meeting. Then the process starts over again for the next month.

Add to this monthly process that occurs, and there is still other work that comes into play that must be addressed. The Board must consider if there are any other changes

that need to be made to the way KALA operates. Do we need any changes to our Standing Rules or Bylaws? Are we operating in accordance with NALA? Thankfully, we have some standard committees with some wonderful members who have volunteered their time to address some of these other deadlines that need to be considered like our annual KALA seminar, our scholarship deadlines, etc., but the Board still has to approve and discuss these other deadlines.

I am always impressed every year when I ask for volunteers and our members always step up. I am hoping that the same will be true this next fiscal year when the Committee sign-up sheets go out. This organization is a great organization and it is because of members that step up and do – which we have in abundance.

Thank you everyone for a great year. I have enjoyed serving as your President.

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## NALA CLE Submission



NALA has updated their system and you are now able to access your account online!

You can enter your hours and see any previous submissions as well.

To login, click <https://portal.nalamember.com/>

- Click My Profile
- Enter your information – you will be directed to NALA's website
- click the back arrow at the top until you see a page with your information

- click the Account Tab
- click the Education Credits sub-tab to view your current CLE

- click Add New Education Credit and follow the prompts

Contact [cle@nala.org](mailto:cle@nala.org) if you have any questions.

NALA will no longer be manually entering CLE hours.

## Humor Corner



Submit your cartoon or quote to be featured in the Humor Corner to [kala\\_paralegals@outlook.com](mailto:kala_paralegals@outlook.com)

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You must opt-in with NALA to be listed.

Contact NALA at  
[nalanet@nala.org](mailto:nalanet@nala.org)  
to opt-in



## Save the Date!

KALA's 2018 Annual Seminar is Friday, June 15, 2018 at the Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel.

KALA's Seminar Committee includes: Courtney Webb, Annette Meece and Suellen Petrillo.

The Committee has been coordinating details for the upcoming seminar. We are excited to get great speakers this year, along with some great legal and shopping vendors. We are looking forward to seeing you in June!

NALA's Annual Conference & Expo is July 11-13 in St. Louis, MO at the Hilton St. Louis. Please contact Angela Oberle or Annette Meece for more information!

## Annual Seminar Speakers

8:05 – 9:05

Liz Armstrong

Dispute Resolution Coordinator

for the Eighteenth

Judicial District Court

Conflict Resolution in Family Law

9:10 – 10:10

Jade M. Martin

Spirit Aerosystems

Copyright laws in the social

media world

10:30 – 11:30

Jennifer White

ICT SOS

Human Trafficking:

A Community Response

12:50 – 1:50

James A. Thompson

Malone, Dwire &

Thompson, LLC

Civil Rights in the

21st Century

1:55 – 2:55

Lu Ann Rivera

Interlingual Services

Interpreters in the

Courtroom

3:20 – 4:20

Chasity M. Helm

Klenda Austerman LLC

Assisting the Impaired

Lawyer: An Arduous Role

## KBA PARALEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT



**"If there were  
no bad  
people, there  
would be no  
good  
lawyers."**

**~ Charles Dickens**

The KBA Paralegal Committee met on January 20, 2018 in Topeka at the offices of the KBA. The committee reviewed and approved minutes from the last meeting. We discussed the need to have members of the KBA Paralegal Committee write articles for the KBA Journal so that our committee has a bigger presence in the KBA. After much discussion we decided that each paralegal on the committee would answer a question about what they do in their job as a paralegal and then have their supervising attorney answer a question related to how they use a paralegal in their practice. Each of these will be combined and will be the next article for the KBA paralegal committee in an upcoming issue of the KBA Journal. We also discussed upcoming continuing education opportunities for paralegals and co-

branding opportunities.

We discussed how to be more involved in different state association meetings and seminars and having a presence at the KBA Annual Meeting and Seminar. The KBA Paralegal Standards and Guidelines which were updated by our committee within the last few years should be given to all new attorneys and available to be given out at the KBA annual meeting.

The KBA still offers free KBA membership to students of any Kansas College or University. Students need to show proof of enrollment in a paralegal program to obtain the free membership. Students get the full benefits of KBA membership and can attend KBA Continuing Education seminars free of charge. Students are responsible for paying a fee for lunch at the CLE events but are not be

allowed to vote. Students do not seem to be taking advantage of this free membership so we discussed how we could better get the word out to paralegal students. I have again listed the link for students to obtain copies of the brochures which will give them all the information they need to apply for free membership. Anyone who knows of a paralegal student should share this information as it is a great benefit.

The meeting was adjourned. We discussed having another meeting in the Fall of 2018.

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You can find more information at [http://www.ksbar.org/?page=paralegal\\_resources](http://www.ksbar.org/?page=paralegal_resources)

## Members on the Move

### WE'RE MOVING!



We have several members who have moved within the past year.

Linda Siders, ACP and Meagan Unruh have moved from the Foulston Siefkin Wichita to the Foulston Siefkin Topeka office.

Mary Calisti, ACP moved to Spirit Aerosystems in January 2018.

If you have changes to your contact information, move locations or other general changes, let the 1st Vice President know so that your membership contact information can be updated. Send any membership updates to [kala\\_paralegals@outlook.com](mailto:kala_paralegals@outlook.com) or the current 1st Vice President. Be sure to include Membership Update in the subject.

## A HISTORY OF TRANSPORTATION

Transportation – a) a means or system of conveyance b) the work or business of conveying passengers or goods. Webster's New World Dictionary.

When the first settlers arrived in America, the only methods of transportation were powered by man or nature. One way would be walking or riding a horse as there were no roads. The second method was by boat, either with sails to use the wind or a smaller boat that had oars. This was by far the most popular as most of the major populations were near a natural harbor or waterway.

As the country grew, wagon trains crossed wide open plains and mountains. There were no highways and most of the trails were wiped out by nature every winter. Entire families and what they could fit of their belongings were transported from the eastern portion of the United States to the central states and on to the west coast. Traveling the trails took three to six months, weather permitting. Not only was the terrain difficult to travel, there were absolutely no laws and many people died in the crossings.

If people could afford it, they could travel from

the east coast of America to the west coast by boat, which took three to six months to sail down around Cape Horn at the tip of South America and then back up to California. Again, this was a long journey and many died on board the boats either from illness or sinking of the boats in storms.

Railroads started spreading outwards from both coasts in the late 1800s which allowed for a rapid settlement of the country. Along with railroads came more roads. This went on for quite a few decades until the invention of the automobile. When the automobile arrived, roads had to be improved upon to handle them.

Modes of transportation have changed through the years through technology. Initially steam power moved people and cargo quicker. First it started with steamboats on the rivers that made it possible to settle areas inland that had previously been inaccessible due to currents heading out to the ocean. Then it was steamboats crossing the oceans and next came the steam locomotives.

By the end of the 19th Century, railroads hauled more than half

a billion passengers and over 690 million tons of cargo. Because of safety concerns, steam locomotives were banned in some cities. In the 1920's, railroads began looking at other forms of power for the locomotives and electric and diesel engines soon replaced the steam engines. Ships soon moved from coal fed steam engines to oil fed steam engines. Shortly thereafter, internal combustion engines replaced the steam engines on trains, boats and automobiles which led to the first air flight in 1903. This was a time that ushered in an advancement in technology that resulted in planes flying higher, faster, and further. Today, vehicles and planes continue to evolve with technology.

In 1919, following World War I, a very young Lieutenant Colonel by the name of Dwight D. Eisenhower was involved in a motorized convoy of Army vehicles that crossed the United States from Washington, D.C., to San Francisco, CA. The purpose of this convoy was to test the mobility of the military during wartime conditions. The convoy took 62 days to go 3,251 miles. There were days



**"Why do they  
call it rush  
hour when  
nothing  
moves?"**

**~Robin Williams**



## A HISTORY OF TRANSPORTATION CONT.

where they only made six miles, sometimes at the speed of walking. Roads were nonexistent in certain areas and vehicles became stuck in the mud and sand. This experience helped Eisenhower when he became president to create the interstate system that is still in use today.

The United States Department of Transportation (DOT) provides most of the regulations, supervision, and funding and within that, each state has its own Department of Transportation that sets the laws for the interstate. This is the reason why states have different speed limits on the interstates.

Passenger transportation is dominated by cars, trucks, vans, and motorcycles while planes, trains, buses, boats, and bicycles are a much smaller portion.

By contrast, most cargo travels by truck, then pipelines, rail, and ship. The least used way for cargo to travel is by airplane and this is usually reserved for perishables or premium express shipments. Petroleum is the main cargo that travels through pipelines.

As stated above, the DOT is responsible for most of the regulations for all forms of trans-

portation. We hear more from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration in the news because when there is a major truck or bus accident, they are responsible for regulating the testing, licensing, and daily hours a driver can drive a truck. As well, they regulate the trucking companies and the companies that provide passenger transportation such as bus and motor coach.

The Federal Aviation Administration is also under the DOT. This organization monitors and regulates aircraft, airports, licenses and certificates, regulations and policies, training and testing, and now they are also responsible for regulations regarding drones and unmanned aircraft systems.

Another part of the DOT is the Federal Railroad Administration. This department is responsible for freight trains and passenger trains such as Amtrak.

Finally, the Maritime Administration is the organization responsible for the regulations regarding transporting cargo by boats.

This does not cover everything the DOT oversees. They cover automobiles, such as the automated driving

systems, car seat safety, seat belt safety and vehicle recalls. They also cover pipelines and hazardous materials and they even have a section on bicycles and pedestrians and public transit.

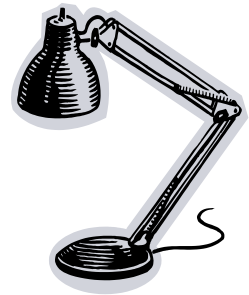
As you can see, America went from a few roads and travel that consisted of manpower or nature to one with many different methods of transportation.

I'll bet our founding fathers had no idea that 200 plus years later we would have many federal and state rules and regulations that govern these modes of transportation and that they would never have imagined that walking across the street at the wrong spot would mean getting a ticket for jaywalking.

You can find more information at <https://www.transportation.gov/>.

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Tulsa, OK 74133, or by e-mail to [na-lanet@nala.org](mailto:na-lanet@nala.org).



## Member Spotlight



Angela A. Oberle is an advanced certified paralegal at Watkins Calcara, Chtd., in Great Bend, Kansas. She works mainly in the area of workers' compensation but also covers estate planning, probate, real estate, and general legal. She has been in the legal profession for 21 years, is a member of NALA and currently the Liaison for the organization, as well as a member of the Kansas Association of Legal Assistants. She is a graduate of the 2015-16 LEAP class.

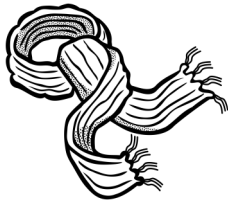
## Community Involvement



KALA members volunteered at the 2018 Wichita RiverFest on June 2, 2018. A big shout-out to Carolyn Loffland, Lindsey Ewertz, Jennifer Beck, Annette Meece, Emma Noone, Nikki Noone (not pictured), Suellen Petrillo, Lisa Cole, and Gabby Crabtree. We sold food court tickets from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Even though it was hot outside, we had cold air conditioning in our booth and had a great time.

## Community Involvement

# thank you



Thank you to everyone who donated to the KALA Coat Drive in December and January. We collected 9 coats, 13 hats, 19 pairs of gloves, 6 pairs of mittens, 3 headbands, 7 scarves and an assortment of school supplies, including pens, pencils, pencil bags, crayons, and erasers. All items were donated to Cloud Elementary School on Friday, January 12th.

~ Mary Potter, KALA Director

Alma Rocha  
Parent Involvement Worker

Amy Snodgrass  
Asst Principal

Patricia Bu  
Principal

Dan  
(Pando)

Debbie Wilson  
Social Worker

To Mary Potter and all the  
Staff at KALA who donated  
Coats, hats, gloves and School  
Supplies for our students:

We are so grateful for your  
generous gifts. Many of these  
items have already gone to  
Students who needed them to  
Stay warm this winter.

Thank you

**THANK YOU**



From Cloud Elementary School





## Community Involvement



November 16, 2017

Kansas Association of Legal Assistants  
P.O. Box 47031  
Wichita, KS 67201

Dear Staff,

On behalf of Bread of Life, I would like to thank the Kansas Association of Legal Assistants for the generous donation of \$100.00 to the Bread of Life Distribution Center.

For many years now, I have volunteered during the Thanksgiving Food Giveaway. Arriving early to prepare for the day's event, the first thing I see are the hundreds of people in line, making it hard to grasp that we have so many in our community in need of assistance. I can personally tell you, when these people receive their bag of food, their countenance change, some have tears of gratitude while others smile in relief knowing they are getting a turkey along with provisions for a traditional Thanksgiving meal for their family. Kansas Association of Legal Assistants had a part in that change in their lives and we at Bread of Life are grateful that you choose to partner with us with your contribution. Together we are working towards that vision of one day seeing hunger eradicated in our local community, thank you again!

May your Thanksgiving family gathering be joyous and refreshing!

Sincerely,

Ares Zoglman  
Non-Profit Fundraiser  
Email: breadoffeic@gmail.com

### Food & Clothing Ministry

Bread of Life Distribution Center, Inc. • 3033 S. Hillside • Wichita, KS 67216  
(316) 683-8641 • cell (316) 312-1795 • fax (316) 683-4010



November 28, 2017

KALA  
P.O. Box 47031  
Wichita, KS 67201

Thank you for your generous donation of \$100 to Bread of Life for our Thanksgiving Giveaway. We were able to feed over 2,300 people on November 18, 2017!

The recipients were so grateful for the gift of a Thanksgiving meal. We provided not only the food but encouragement, a smile and prayer for those who so desired. Over the years we have witnessed countless miracles and lives changed because of the prayers we have prayed and the friendship we have extended to our clients. We serve a mighty God!

We are entering our 27<sup>th</sup> year of giving food, clothing and prayer to the citizens of Wichita and eight surrounding counties. We can't do this alone. We have seen that by working with our faithful partners, and supporters, we can effectively help those in need - endeavoring to relieve their hunger and minister the love of Christ to each one.

Thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,

Donna Pinaire  
Director

### Food & Clothing Ministry

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(316) 689-6865 • cell (316) 259-7281 • fax (316) 683-4010



## Community Involvement



### Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

January 19, 2018

Kansas Association of Legal Assistants  
P.O. Box 47031  
Wichita, KS 67201

Dear Supporters at KALA:

Thank you for your generous donation to the Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center (WASAC). We appreciate your support.

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center assists and supports survivors of sexual violence as well as their family members. The support to survivors includes a 24-hour hotline, medical and court advocacy, support groups, therapy, and crisis intervention. Your donation will help us continue our work in 2018.

Once again, thank you for making your donation to WASAC. We are grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

Kathy Williams  
Executive Director

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Official receipt for Income Tax Purposes  
Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center

Donation \$100.00

Issue Date

January 10, 2018

Received from

Kansas Association of Legal Assistants  
P.O. Box 47031  
Wichita, KS 67201

For WASAC

Kathy Williams   
Executive Director

Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center Mission Statement: Wichita Area Sexual Assault Center works with individuals and communities through comprehensive services and education to create a culture of intolerance for sexual violence and an atmosphere of healing for those impacted by it.

355 North Waco, Suite 100 | Wichita, Kansas 67202-1115 | Office (316) 263-0185 | Fax (316) 263-0563 | Crisis Line (316) 263-3002



## KALA AWARD



7666 East 61st Street, Suite 315 | Tulsa, OK 74133 | 918.587.6828 | [www.nala.org](http://www.nala.org)

July 3, 2017

Kansas Association of Legal Assistants•Paralegals  
Ms. Christi Ramsey, ACP  
President  
P.O. Box 47031  
Wichita, KS 67201

Dear Ms. Ramsey,

As Chair of NALA's Making a Difference Committee, I am honored to officially honor the Kansas Association of Legal Assistants•Paralegals as the recipient of a Making a Difference Award. This award recognizes outstanding achievements of current NALA Members or NALA Affiliated Associations who made a difference in the paralegal profession or their community.

Recognition of your award was published in an issue of *Facts & Findings* or *Facts & Findings Digital*. Your Affiliated Association will also be honored at the NALA Conference in Orlando, FL during the Annual Membership Meeting. We hope that recognition of your Affiliated Association inspires and motivates other paralegals.

On behalf of the NALA Making a Difference Committee, congratulations to KALA on being the recipient of a 2017 Making a Difference Award.

Sincerely,



Debra L. Overstreet, ACP  
NALA Treasurer  
Chair 2017 NALA Making a Difference Committee

cc: Cassandra Oliver, ACP, NALA President  
Greta Zeimet, CAE, NALA Executive Director

## KALA KUDOS!



Andi & rest of the KALA Crew,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to come and speak to your group! You were an engaging group and I really enjoyed my time with you. You are all so organized and so easy to work with.

Never forget to lean in!

Brenda Ditzman

Thanks for the gift card! Perfect gift for me.

I am so blessed to know and receive the kind gestures and encouraging words from my fellow members of KALA during difficult times. Having two surgeries back to back was tough, but knowing I have your support made getting through them so much easier! Thank you for the gift card and my lovely card.

Sincerely,

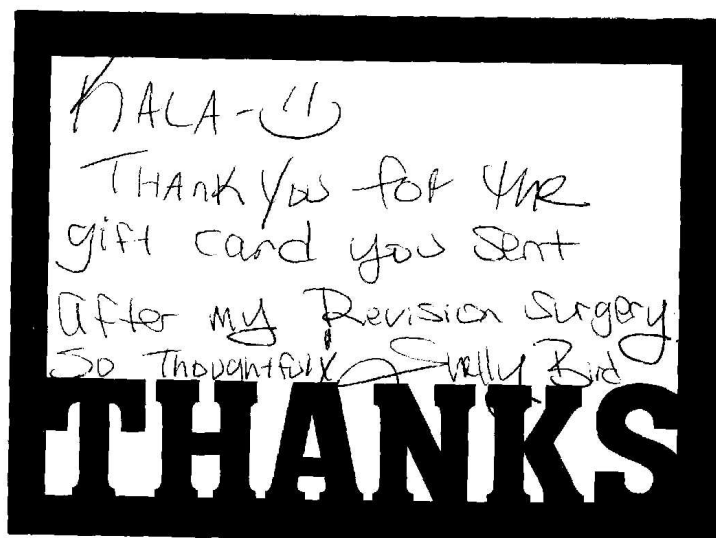
Andi Elmore

A big thanks to KALA and the hospitality committee for the get well card and gift card! I really appreciated the thoughtful gesture! It was nice to know there were members thinking of me!

~Dacia Kennedy

Thank you to the organization for the retirement card and gift card. It was a nice reminder of all of you and the fond memories of our goals and activities. I am enjoying retirement, but my take you up on the offer to join a meeting in the future.

~Susan Teel



### LAST BUT NOT LEAST...

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### WBA Judge's Day 2017

On Thursday, September 28, 2017, KALA assisted with the Sixth Annual Judge's Day Bike Ride. Unlike the prior five years when our volunteers reported to downtown to assist, this year's ride started from the east side of town with the bikers starting their forty mile ride from the Commerce Bank Building.

The morning started off bright and early with our volunteers arriving at 6:30 a.m. to set up, greet and provide breakfast items, coffee, bottled water and snacks for the riders. After checking in the riders for registration, Suellen Petrillo began making her now famous homemade

ice cream for the riders to enjoy at the completion of their ride. With the assurance that the ice cream would be ready when they returned, the riders headed out for their journey to Augusta. Despite a slight detour because Christi was driving and panicked they were at the "wrong location", Tamy Carmichael and Christi Ramsey managed to arrive in time for set up and to assist with the SAG (support and gear) stop in Augusta. They checked in the riders at this half-way stop and served them snacks and bottled water and enjoyed the comradery among the riders. At the completion of the ride, the riders re-

turned to the Foulston Siefkin conference room for Suellen's ice cream and a little bit of socializing. A big thank you to the following KALA volunteers for their assistance with registration, set-up, etc. in making this day go off without a hitch: Suellen Petrillo, Tamy Carmichael, Buffy McCarty, Katie Olsen, and Christi Ramsey.

